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Atty. Dkt. No. ZIMR/0009

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 23, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1 - 12 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 13 - 19 have been cancelled by Applicant and claims 20 - 26 have been newly introduced. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph. Claims 1-4 are amended to correct the objected informalities and rejections under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner considered claim 1-12 allowable if rewritten. As the objections and rejections under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph should be overcome by amending the claims accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that claims 1-12 be allowed.

New claim 20-26 recite all the limitations of claim 1. Thus, these claims should also be considered allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 20-26 be allowed.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

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Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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